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Re: Interview Agenda – U.S. Pat. App. Serial No. 10/561,428

We would like to conduct an interview on Tuesday December 7, 2010 11:00am EST to discuss the following proposed claim amendments. My colleague, Mr. David E. A. Jordan, Reg. No. 50,325, and Ms. Tara Hutchings of Accenture would like to attend in person and I would like to join by telephone. In the interview, we intend to discuss how the Poli reference does not disclose, teach or suggest the features recited by the following proposed amended independent claim 112. In particular, we intend to discuss how Poli does not teach or disclose the feature of:

receiving, by the set top box in response to the trigger, an m-bit update flag, wherein the m-bit flag does not uniquely identify the set top box;

accessing, by the set top box, an n-bit unique hardware identifier assigned to the set top box;

comparing, by the set top box, the m-bit update flag to a predetermined portion of the n-bit unique hardware identifier, wherein n is greater than m.

We also intend to discuss how Poli does not disclose, teach or suggest the features recited by the following proposed amended independent claim 119. In particular, we intend to discuss how Poli does not teach or disclose the feature of:

selecting, by the server, a value, m, based on the quantity of set top boxes to update and the quantity, n, wherein the value, m, is less than the quantity, n.

Specifically, we intend to discuss how Poli describes targeting an upgrade to a specific single terminal or a specific group of terminals using a single terminal address. *(see Poli, page 17, lines 28-31, page 18, lines 1-7)*

Proposed 112. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

generating, by a set top box, a trigger to check whether the set top box is to invoke update code that is ~~continuously~~ streamed to the set top box by a server on a predetermined channel;

receiving, by the set top box in response to the trigger, an *m*-bit update flag, wherein the *m*-bit flag does not uniquely identify the set top box;

accessing, by the set top box, an *n*-bit unique hardware identifier assigned to the set top box;

comparing, by the set top box, the *m*-bit update flag to a predetermined portion of the *n*-bit unique hardware identifier, wherein *n* is greater than *m*;

determining, based on comparing the *m*-bit update flag to the predetermined portion of the *n*-bit unique hardware identifier, that the *m*-bit update flag matches the predetermined portion of the *n*-bit unique hardware identifier; and

selectively invoking, by the set top box, the update code based on determining that the *m*-bit update flag matches the predetermined portion of the *n*-bit unique hardware identifier.

Proposed 119. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

determining, by a server, a quantity of set top boxes to update;

determining a quantity, *n*, of bits in an *n*-bit unique hardware identifier assigned to each set top box;

selecting, by the server, a value, *m*, based on the quantity of set top boxes to update and the quantity, *n*, wherein the value, *m*, is less than the quantity, *n*,

generating, by the server, an *m*-bit update flag;

including, by the server, the *m*-bit update flag in update code; and

~~continuously~~ streaming, by the server, the update code, including the *m*-bit update flag, to the set top boxes on a predetermined channel.